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Fulbright Speech Reaction: Pro

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Sen. J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., has received 6,000 letters and telegrams since his foreign policy speech of 10 days ago and four out of five were favorable. His reaction to the deluge was this: "Basically, I think it shows that latent in the minds of many people is the feeling that our attitudes are not quite right (in foreign policy) and that we ought to have some initiative on seeking new approaches."

Two of the most provocative things the Senator said were that the Cuba boycott had failed and the U.S. should renegotiate the Canal Zone treaty with Panama. But he also urged a new look at U. S. cold war policies in genreal. Sen. Fulbright's staff said the statements on Cuba and Castro brought the most' mail. The Senator said the response was "amazing" and "encouraging" and was the greatest response to any speech he had ever made in his 19 years in the Senate. He said he felt that "we've gotten into the habit of re-peating old attitudes." He added: "That was my main purpose—to start thinking about the danger" of getting firmly set in fixed foreign policy attitudes.